Remarks

In an amendment after allowance dated April 17, 2006, applicants' requested entry of certain claim amendments. In a communication dated June 21, 2006, the Examiner stated that the claim amendments of April 17, 2006 would not be entered. Applicants' contemporaneously file a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") so that claim amendments as presented in the April 17, 2006 amendment will be entered into the record.

To underscore that the RCE is accompanied by a "submission" under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, the claim amendments originally presented in the April 17, 2006 amendment are re-presented herein in a new amendment. To avoid duplicative entry of claim amendments, applicants' respectfully request that the April 17, 2006 amendment not be entered and respectfully request entry of the present amendment. See MPEP §706.07(b)II(D).

No amendment herein contains new matter.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants believe all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0289.

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